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1. intensive flying of jet-propelled aircraft was seen over NOVGOROD (21°17'N/38°32'E) daily from June 1948. The aircraft flew at various altitudes, both individually and in elements of two. No more than nine planes were seen in the air at one time. The aircraft were presumably stationed at an airfield located near NOVGOROD.
2. Description of aircraft type (see Annex): Short, stubby fuselage. Round cross-section of fuselage with straight front surface, circular aperture over longitudinal axis of aircraft; circular aperture at tail. Very flat glazed cockpit on top of fuselage. Short, trapezoidal wings, no dihedral or sweepback; wings attached to fuselage somewhat below longitudinal axis; rounded-off wing tips. Single rudder assembly attached to fuselage. The Soviet star emblem was painted on wings and rudder assembly, Russian letters and figures on fuselage and wings. The aircraft were maneuverable and had a strikingly high rate of climb; their speed was estimated to be considerably higher than that of the Me-109.
3. Other jet-propelled aircraft were not observed.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: The observed jet-fighters are assumed to be stationed at the airfield north of NOVGOROD. Some of the reported features of the jet-fighter type do not agree with the data given in two previous reports. From all information it is concluded that a Yak type is concerned which is a duplicate of the American P-84 aircraft.

1 Annex: Jet-propelled aircraft Observed over [REDACTED]

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